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This communication is filed in response to the Office action dated November 22, 2002. The one month period for responding to the Office action expires on December 22, 2002.

The Examiner has required Applicants to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits. Applicants hereby elect to proceed with Invention 1, claims 1 through 8 without traverse.

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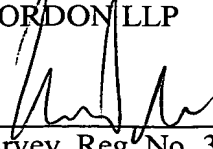
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